

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application.

Claims 2 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3, 11, 19, and 22 have been amended. Therefore, claims 1, 3-16, and 18-24 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 5-17, 19, 20, 22, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,286,038 issued to Reichmeyer et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,363,422 issued to Hunter et al.

Claim 1 recites the following:

dynamically obtaining by the client device at least one alert detection parameter from a first server;

dynamically obtaining configuration data from a remote proxy for alert detection using the at least one obtained alert detection parameter; and

automatically configuring the client device using the configuration data obtained from the proxy for alert detection to enable the client device to detect alerts.

Claims 11, 19, and 22 recite similar limitations.

Hunter and Reichmeyer, whether taken individually or in combination, do not disclose a proxy for alert detection. Hunter and Reichmeyer, whether taken individually or in combination, do not disclose obtaining configuration data from a remote proxy for alert detection using the at least one obtained alert detection parameter. Hunter and Reichmeyer, whether taken individually or in combination, do not disclose using the configuration data obtained from the proxy for alert detection to enable the client device to detect alerts. These limitations are recited in claims 1, 11, 19, and 22. Therefore, no combination of Hunter and Reichmeyer discloses the invention as claimed in claims 1, 11, 19, and 22. Thus, Applicants submit that claims 1, 11, 19, and 22 are patentable over Hunter and Reichmeyer.

Claims 5-10, 12-16, 20, and 24 are dependent claims and distinguish for at least the same reasons as their independent base claim in addition to adding further limitations of their own. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 5-10, 12-16, 20, and 24 are patentable over Hunter and Reichmeyer for at least the reasons set forth above.

Claims 3, 4, 18, 21, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,286,038 issued to Reichmeyer et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,363,422 issued to Hunter et al. as applied to claims 1, 2, 5-17, 19, 20, 22, and 24, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,353,854 issued to Cromer et al.

As discussed above, Hunter and Reichmeyer, whether taken individually or in combination, do not disclose the limitations recited in claims 1, 11, 19, and 22.

Cromer discloses an automatic configuration system. The Office Action states that Cromer discloses a means for enabling a client device to detect alerts while the device is in a reduced functional state. Whether or not Cromer discloses this feature, Cromer does not disclose obtaining configuration data from a remote proxy for alert detection using the at least one obtained alert detection parameter and using the configuration data obtained from the proxy for alert detection to enable the client device to detect alerts. Therefore, Cromer does not cure the deficiencies of Hunter and Reichmeyer. No combination of Cromer, Hunter, and Reichmeyer discloses obtaining configuration data from a remote proxy for alert detection using the at least one obtained alert detection parameter and using the configuration data obtained from the proxy for alert detection to enable the client device to detect alerts. These limitations are recited in claims 1, 11, 19, and 22. Therefore, claims 1, 11, 19, and 22 are patentable over Cromer, Hunter, and Reichmeyer.

Claims 3, 4, 18, 21, and 23 are dependent claims and distinguish for at least the same reasons as their independent base claim in addition to adding further limitations of their own.

Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 3, 4, 18, 21, and 23 are patentable over Cromer, Hunter, and Reichmeyer for at least the reasons set forth above.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-16, and 18-24 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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